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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Larry Harvey of Janesville, Wisconsin, DOB: 09/11/1979, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing more than five grams of cocaine base ("crack cocaine") with intent to distribute, and with knowingly and intentionally carrying a firearm in furtherance of that drug trafficking crime.

The charges against Harvey came about after the Beloit Police Department initiated a traffic stop of Harvey's car on January 7, 2005. After observing open intoxicants, the police searched the car. In the glove box, officers located a scale, approximately 50 grams of crack cocaine, approximately 12 grams of powder cocaine, and a loaded handgun. Harvey also had \$2,566 in United States currency in his possession.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for June 15, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. On the crack cocaine charge, Harvey faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a minimum four-year term of supervised release. An additional minimum penalty of five consecutive years in prison will be imposed for carrying the firearm.

The charges against Harvey were the result of an ongoing Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative in Rock County. The investigation was conducted by the Beloit Police Department's Drug and Gang Unit. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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